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THE SCARECROW OF OZ

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(CHELVY ROSE) STAYS UP ALL NIGHT BECAUSE SHE LOVES DOING MAGIC RESEARCH. SHE CAST A SPELL ON A SCARECROW THAT GAVE HIM HUMAN FORM. SHE'S A CANDIDATE FOR THE NEXT HEAD WITCH.

Before かかし

(SCARECROW) IT WAS STANDING OUTSIDE THE HEAD WITCH'S HOUSE

After クロウ

(KUROU) HE HAS 3 SPECIAL SKILLS: STANDING, WATCHING AND WAITING BECAUSE HE'S A SCARECROW.

BUT IT ALSO MEANS HE HAS SHARP EYES.

HOW CAN SUCH A THING AS A SCARECROW BE HELPFUL...?

THE PREVIOUS EPISODE

IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, GO BACK AND READ THE FIRST "SCARECROW OF OZ" ONE-SHOT.

"THE SCARECROW OF OZ"
BY ICHIHARU KOMA

AT THE THRESHOLD SNOW WHITE BLINDNESS AND THE EDGE OF IMPENETRABLE DARKNESS--

IMAGINE THIS: ON THE EDGE OF A SHEER CLIFF, ABOVE A FOREST SHROUDED IN DEEP MIST,

THIS IS KIND OF PLACE WHERE THE HOUSE THAT SHE AND THE OTHERS SHARE IS

WHICH FAMILIAR IS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE "WISE" WITCH...?
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THE SCARECROW OF OZ
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A FANTASY STORY THAT RESOUNDS IN THE HEART.
ICHIHARU KOMA

Finally!!
I GOT HER TO BED AT AN EARLY HOUR.
AFTER 3 DAYS WITHOUT SLEEP, THE BEGGING AND PLEADING PILED UP.
WITCH CHELVY ROSE'S "HIDEAWAY"
EXHAUSTED
DID YOU FINALLY GO TO SLEEP, MASTER...!
It was a long battle!
HER FAMILIAR, KUROU THE SCARECROW

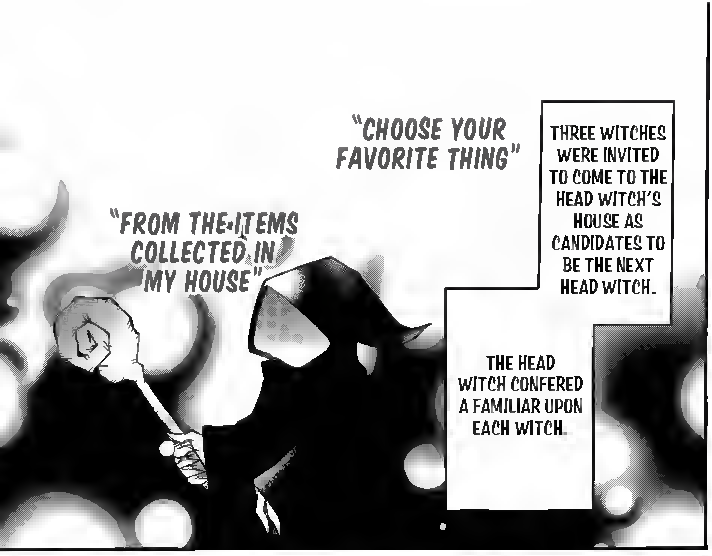
She's extraordinary.
AMONGST THE THREE, MY MASTER'S INTEREST IS "KNOWLEDGE".
SIGH
THE WITCHES ARE A PROUD CLAN THAT POSSESS INSIGHTFUL PURPLE EYES.
...
SHE IS AN ECCENTRIC PERSON....
Zzz
Zzz
I'LL JUST TAKE A PEEK AT HER SLEEPING FACE!
PAT!
I WONDER IF SHE'S ASLEEP?
I WONDER WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE ASLEEP...?
DEDICATED TO "BEAUTY", "POWER", AND "KNOWLEDGE", THEY ARE NATURAL BORN RESEARCHERS.
HUH?
TREMBLE!
RUSTLE...

"I'M SLEEPING"
ZZZ
#2
!!?
SQUEEZE
MAH...
KA
THUD
MASTER!!
How long have you been listening? When did you swap in #2-kun?
THERE'S NOTHING SHE LIKES MORE THAN DOING RESEARCH.
SHABBY
HUH?
WORN-OUT
CHELVY ROSE THE WITCH

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DO THIS RATHER THAN GOING TO SLEEP?
WHAT THE HECK
#2-KUN FOOLED YOU, DIDN'T HE?
ARE YOU RESEARCHING THIS TIME...?
HUH?

WHO IS THAT?
HO.
HE'S THE SAME AS YOU.
...!?
IS HE HUMAH...? A CUSTOMER?
THE TIH MAH?
I CAST A SPELL ON THIS TIH MAH
TO GIVE HIM HUMAH FORM.

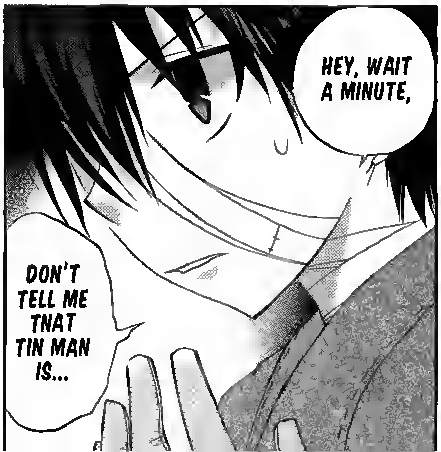
LIKE YOU
HE IS A "FAMILIAR".
I USED TO BE
A SCARE-CROW WHO STOOD OUTSIDE THE HEAD WITCH'S HOUSE.
THE SAME...
AS ME...?
YES,

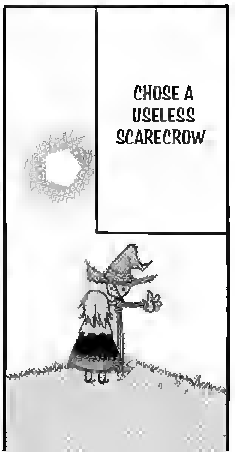

"CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE THING"
"FROM THE ITEMS COLLECTED IN MY HOUSE"
THREE WITCHES WERE INVITED TO COME TO THE HEAD WITCH'S HOUSE AS CANDIDATES TO BE THE NEXT HEAD WITCH.
THE HEAD WITCH CONFERED A FAMILIAR UPON EACH WITCH.

AND THE LAST WITCH, CHELVY ROSE,

THE OTHER CHOSE THE STURDY TIN MAN.

THE WITCH WHO WAS INTERESTED IN POWER CHOSE THE BEAST.





!?
ISN'T THAT THE GUY WHO BROKE MY LEG!?
I'll take it.
HE IS THE TIN MAN LILLIAN BERRY ABANOONED.
IT SEEMED LIKE IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO TRY TO FIX HIM.
THAT'S WHY I WAS UP UNTIL MORNING.
NOW THAT HE'S FIXED, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH HIM?
EH?
Unbelievable!
LILLIAN BERRY WAS THE HEAD WITCH CANDIDATE WHO STUDIED "BEAUTY".
THE OTHER DAY, LILLIAN BERRY AND THAT TIN MAN
CAME TO SABOTAGE MY MASTER'S RESEARCH.
I MANAGED TO DRIVE THEM AWAY AND PROTECTED THE RESEARCH
BUT...THE BROKEN TIN MAN WAS ABANDONED.

I DIDN'T THINK IT THRDUGH BEYDND THAT.
...
I only thought about how neat it would be to fix him.
NORMAL
STEP
HUH?
SMILE
IS THERE A TASK FOR ME TO DO?
I WANT TO BE YOUR FAMILIAR.
SMILE
SMILE
WHAT!?
WHAT THE HELL!?
SHE ALREADY HAS ONE!!

MY MASTER HAS ME
SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU!!
GRAB!
CLEANING, LAUNDRY, AND GROOMING ARE MY JOBS!
Grrr!!
SWIP!
IF TNAT'S ALL...
UGH!!
TA
DA!
This style is very exciting

Hmph...
HE'S GOOD !!
DOH!
MY ORIGINAL MASTER LOVED THIS KIND OF THING.
She's fashion conscious.
Is he an artist? That hair style is so cute!
GO HOME?
HUH?
POINT
THEN GO HOME!
RETURN TO YOUR ORIGINAL MASTER!
Now!...
BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T NEED ME.
HUH?
UGH
BUT THAT PERSON ABANDONED ME
MY NEXT MASTER
WILL BE OF MY OWN CHOOSING.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN MASTER?
THE WITCH THAT REPAIRED ME
CAN USE ME AS SHE PLEASES.
HIS OWN MASTER?
A FAMILIAR CAN CHOOSE...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
AS A CANDIDATE FOR HEAD WITCH, CHELVY ROSE IS A DESIRABLE MASTER.
MY ORIGINAL MASTER HAD THE SAME POTENTIAL.
WHAT A RIDICULOUS THING TO SAY..

MY MASTER CHOSE ME.
HMM HMM
HMM HMM
BE THAT AS IT MAY TO HIM,
IT MAY BE ONLY BY A LITTLE, BUT I RELIEVE HER LONELINESS
HMM HMM
THE TRUTH IS THAT SHE'S LONELY
SLOSH!
HMM HMM HMM
HMM HMM
AND, THEREFORE, I AM NEEDED!
MISTRESS CHELVY ROSE,
HOW CAN I BE OF SERVICE TO YOU?
!?
I owe you for fixing me.

HAS ME.

HELP?
.....
YES
Whatever you desire.
OH.
HER HAIRSTYLE IS DIFFERENT AGAIN!
BUT IT'S CUTE!
BUT STILL, THAT SCARECROW IS OUT OF HIS MIND!
hmm
MY MASTER RARELY ASSIGNS WORK.
haha
DOH!
OH, I KNOW ...
CAN YOU GO TO THE FOREST IN THE EAST AND PICK SOME MEDICINAL HERBS FOR ME?
I CAN.
!?

IF IT'S A TASK YOU NEED DONE, I WILL DO IT!
EH!?
WAIT A MINUTE, MASTER!!
OH, YOU'RE HERE.
YES, I'M HERE!!
CRASH!
NO.
FRANKLY!
I HAVE NO PARTICULAR REASON.
TH-
THEN WHY ARE YOU LETTING ANOTHER DO MY WORK!?
No Fair!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
EH!?
DOH!
WHY!?

Bu-wa-haha
HEHEHEH
IN SHORT DO NOTHING
KUROU, BE A "SCARECROW" AND CALMY STAND IN THE HOUSE, PLEASE.
PAT!
HAVE FUN BABYSITTING, SCARECROW-KUN.
CHUCKLE
STRUT
STRUT
Why won't you give me a task too!?
WHY MASTER!!
KUROU, YOU CAN STAND OVER THERE INSTEAD
THIS SUCKS!!
Anything would be better than this!!
I FEEL SO HUMILIATED !!!
Aren't I her familiar?

I WAS GOING TO COMPILE A REPORT...
...
STARE
FLIP FLIP
I
CUSTLE
BUT...
This is only part of it. Where's the rest?
REPORT
DON'T REALLY MIND STANDING AND WATCHING
I AM A "SCARECROW" AFTERALL.
I WANT
TO BE OF GREATER USE TO YOU.

I CAN'T TELL HER THAT...
SIGH...
BUT NEVERTHELESS
STEP
IT'S NOT MUCH
IT'S THE FEELING I ALWAYS HAVE.
SLIDE
BUT
RUSTLE
TAP TAP
STEAM
THIS IS MY JOB!

HEY MASTER
ARE THERE ANY FAMILIARS THAT HAVE CHOOSEN THEIR MASTERS?
MASTER?
SILENCE...
EH!? MASTER, ARE YOU LISTENING!?
ARE YOU IGNORING ME?
OH, I SEE.
IT HAS TO BE GATHERED FROM WITHIN THE SOIL.
What is so interesting?
YOU DIDN'T HEAR A WORD I SAID!!
IF SOMETHING IS RARE THEN MAYBE...
SIGH
RARE?

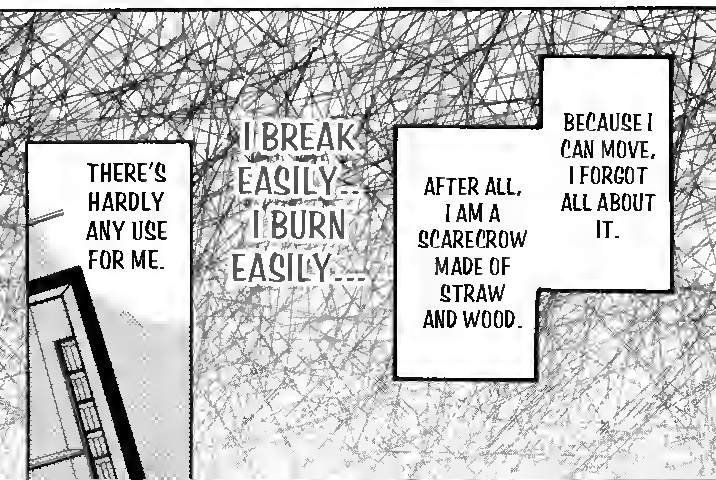
STEP...
I HAVE RETURNED.
ZING!
PERHAPS...
...IT'S LIKE AN ITEM IN THE HEAD WITCH'S COLLECTION, RIGHT?
THOSE ITEMS ARE ONE OF A KIND, SO THEY ARE RARE.
THAT'S A HEARTLESS QUESTION.
WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE A SCARECROW?
A SCARECROW IS NOT A VALID COMPARISON
OF COURSE
SMILE
!!
OH MY, THAT WAS QUICK WASN'T IT?
Hmph.
HERE ARE THE MEDICINAL HERBS I PICKED.

I HAVE TO
CARRYING BOOKS
UNBALANCED!!
Heavy!
Kuh!
COULD MY STANDING POSSIBLY BE IN DANGER!?
ZOOM
CLEANING
FLAP FLAP
GYA!
GYA!
GYA!
SQUEAK SQUEAK
SQUEAK SQUEAK
TRY
Aren't I helping too?!
My master will see!
SNORING
GATHERING WATER
MORE HARDER IF I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY PLACE!
MUCH...
COLLECTING MEDICINAL HERBS

SHE'S A STRANGE WITCH AND SHE DOESN'T LISTEN VERY WELL...
SHE EVEN GOES SO FAR AS MAKING MEDICINES FOR HUMANS...
RUB RUB
WHEN IT COMES TO TOP NOTCH WITCHES, NOTHING YOU CAN DO WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
HOW DARE YOU!?
GRRR!
RUB RUB RUB RUB
MY MASTER IS NOT STRANGE! SHE'S KIND!
BONK!
!!
CRASH!
THE CANDLE FELL OVER!!
FLAME FLAME FLAME
GYA A A A A A
OH!
WAH!?
OH CRAP!
OW!
BURN
BURN
BURN
BURN
!?

MASTER'S REPORT!
MAS-TER!!
I'M SORRY! I THOUGHT I'D CLEAN YOUR DESKTOP!!
REPORT (ALL THAT'S LEFT)
TATTERS
IT...
IT BURNED TOO QUICKLY!
I'm burned too...
HEH?
HUFF... YOU ARE BANNED!
SWIP
TREMBLE.
.....//

GAH!
!?
YOU ARE BANNED FROM SETTING FOOT IN HERE.
CRUMBLE...
.....
I'M FRAGILE!
THIS IS THE WORST! I'M SO PATHETIC...
And I forgot to bring the buckets.
GLOOM


I BREAK EASILY... I BURN EASILY...
THERE'S HARDLY ANY USE FOR ME.
AFTER ALL, I AM A SCARECROW MADE OF STRAW AND WOOD.
BECAUSE I CAN MOVE, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT.

YET, SHE CHOSE ME...
SLIP
IT'S A PITY, ISN'T IT?
CRUMBLE
THE REPORT, OF COURSE!
?
HUH?
THE HEAD AND ALL THE OTHER WITCHES VALUED YOUR RESEARCH.
?
BUT... AREN'T YOU ANGRY?
?
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. CAN'T I DO THE RESEARCH AGAIN?

SHE'S NOT ANGRY...
WOOO IS FLAMMABLE, ISN'T IT?
I WAS CARELESS...
SIGH...
HUH?
YES I AM ...
BE-CAUSE
DRYLY
THAT BOY'S HAND GOT BURNED.
BUT THEN WHY DID SHE BAN HIM...?
Oh...
OH MY GOSH...
IS SHE WORRIED ABOUT THE SCARECROW'S BODY?

A MASTER WHO THINKS LIKE THAT...
SQUEEZE
DOES A "SCARECROW" HAVE ANY USE TO YOU?
Who wants a broken, ill-kept cane that's been chewed on by dogs?
.....
THE VALUE OF THAT BOY
IS SOME-THING
I CAN FIND OUT.
hmm...
IS SOMETHING THAT USELESS SUITABLE FOR HER?
...WEREN'T THERE ITEMS
IN THE HEAD WITCH'S COLLECTION OF GREATER VALUE TO A WITCH THAN A "SCARECROW"?

THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION
WAS MADE CLEAR WHEN I MADE THE CHOICE.
THUD
GRAB

IF THAT'S THE CASE,
THEN IT WOULD BE BEST
TO TAKE YOUR RESEARCH AHO FINO AHOTHER WITCH TO GIVE IT TO.
THAT PLAN SOUNDS LOGICAL
IF YOU CAN FINO
A WITCH WHO IS MY EQUAL ...

WHAP!
WHISH!
!
THIS IS AMUSING.
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE...
KUROU!
WEREN'T YOU BANNED FROM COMING IN HERE?
!!
AN URGENT MATTER AROSE!
It's obviously due to you!!
PULL!
LET GO OF MY MASTER!
YOU DAMNED TIN MAN!
SWIP!

IRRITATED?...
DESPITE BEING A SCARECROW ...
YOU THINK YOU CAN CHALLENGE A TIN MAN?
IT WON'T GO LIKE IT DID BEFORE!
GRAB!
!!
FLAME
WHISH!
!
GA-SHAN!
OH, NO!!
FIRE!!
BURN!

RIP!
PULL!
BURN!
BURN!
BURN!
!!
WHISH!
CATCH!
A BURNING ARM

BURN
BURN
BURN
CRUSH!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD
FIRE DOESN'T EFFECT TIN MEN?
I'M NOT A SCARECROW.
SPRINKLE
THE TIN MAN ISN'T INJURED AT ALL
STEP!
THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING !!
PLIP
WATER!

MASTER, DUCK!
STRETCH!
PUNT!
SPLOOSH!
DRENCHED
WATER?
...?

WHISH!
WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A DISTRACTION!?
POW!
PUSH! PUSH!
EVEN IF YOU HIT ME WITH A POLE...

CRICK!
SNAP!
CRACKS!?
FROM A HIT LIKE THAT!?
CRICK!
CRICK!
CRICK!
CRICK!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

THE WAY YOU ARE NOW,
THIS BOY COULD EASILY DEFEAT YOU.
A SUDDEN HEATING AND COOLING CYCLE
CAN CAUSE CRACKS TO OPEN.
SHOCK!
CRICK!
THE BURNING ARM FOLLOWED BY THE BUCKET OF WATER!!
AREN'T YOU MADE OF METAL?
STEP...
IT ONLY TAKES A FEW SECONDS FOR THERMAL FATIDUE TO EFFECT METAL.

!
FLAMED
BY THINKING HE'S ONLY A "SCARECROW"
YOU'VE GREATLY UNDERESTIMATED MY FAMILIAR.
WHISH WHISH
NOW
LEAVE.
YOUR DEMAND
FOR A PLACE TO BELONG WILL NOT BE MET HERE.
MASTER,

ARE YOU OKAY WITH HIM ESCAPING?
He might come back!!
I don't think he will.
YES.
I DON'T NEED ANOTHER BROKEH THING BY MY SIDE.
I WILL GATHER RAW MATERIALS! I'LL BE YOUR FAMILIAR! I'LL DO ANYTHING! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU!?
THERE'S NOTHING IN PARTICULAR FOR YOU TO DO.
WHY!?
Huh?
!
I don't want another
YOU ARE ENOUGH FOR ME, KUROU.
MA-
MASTER ...
SPARKLE!

YOUR JOB, KUROU,
GIGGLE
IS TO STAY BY MY SIDE.

I'M CERTAIN THE FEELING OF BEING NEEDED
IS
BUT
I WANT TO BE OF MORE USE TO YOU.

THAT IS WHY I CHOSE YOU.

THE VALUE CONFERRED UPON A SCARECROW
BY A LONELY WITCH.
THEN
SHIP
STAY LIKE THIS FOR NOW.
FWUMP!
I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO BE YOUR PILLOW!
THE END